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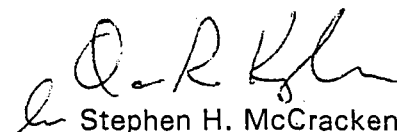
Dear Stakeholder:

**PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC USE OF THE FERNALD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

The U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) must make a decision regarding the future public use of the FEMP, to appropriately plan restoration projects and long-term stewardship. To date, the DOE has received a significant amount of public input regarding future public use of the FEMP through ongoing discussions with stakeholders. Valuable input and formal recommendations were received from the public meetings through the Future of Fernald process in 1999 and 2000. The information and recommendations received to date have helped DOE develop the enclosed Master Plan for Public Use outlining the proposal for future public use of the FEMP. Comments received on the Master Plan will help DOE make a final decision on public use of the FEMP so that integration with ongoing site initiatives can occur.

A public comment period on the Master Plan will be open from February 12, 2002 through March 15, 2002. A public meeting will be held on February 28, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the Alpha Building to receive input on the Master Plan. Comments on the Master Plan can be provided at the meeting or directed to Gary Stegner at (513) 648-3153.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen H. McCracken  
Director

Enclosure: As Stated